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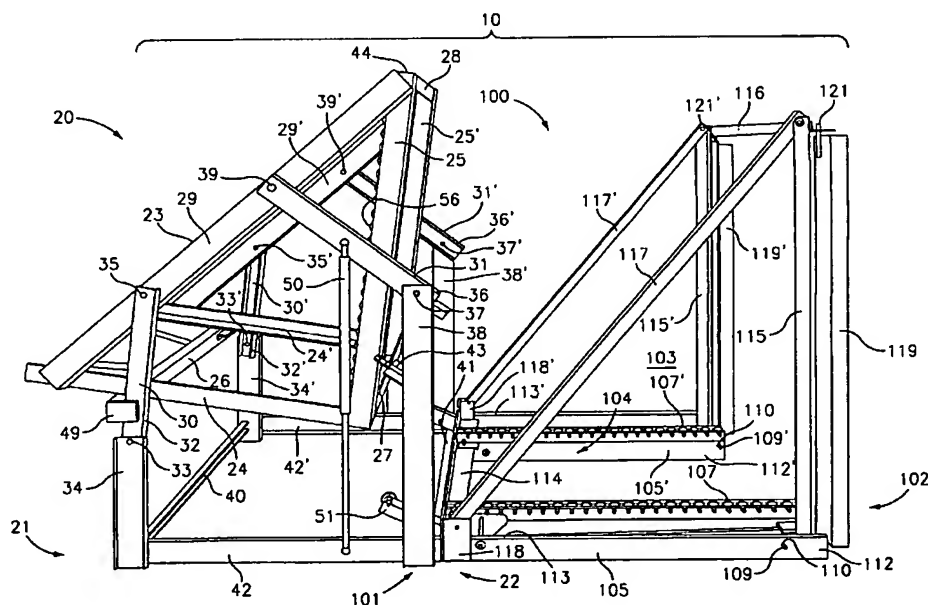
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(57) Abstract: An empty pallet stacking unit (20) having a pallet loading and stacking end (21) and a stacked pallet discharge end (22) features a pallet hopper (23) which is reversibly moveable from a pallet loading and stacking position to a stacked pallet discharging position, the pallet hopper (23) being pivotally linked to a fixed support (42) through a 4-bar linkage (30,30',31,31'). Optionally, the empty pallet stacking unit (20) may be cooperatively coupled to a stacked pallet staging unit (100).